

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 20, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chairman
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:00 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

Joseph moved to approve the agenda as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of April 13, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade** sent the 2009 Annual report there also info on (page 20) about the Ute Theater located in Saguache. (4/13/10)
2. **Baca Grande POA** sent a letter of Press release from the Baca Grande POA on Special District for the Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services. (4/13/10)
3. **US Dept. of Agriculture** sent a letter to inform Citizens that the Decision Notice was signed and finding of No significant Impact for the Sargents Mesa timber sale environmental assessment located on the Gunnison Ranger Dist. (4/14/10)
4. **Colorado Cattlemen's Land Trust** sent a thank you letter for the 2010 contributions made for their efforts. (4/15/10)
5. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent the Board of Directors Agenda, Monday, April 26, 2010 in Gunnison. (4/16/20)
6. **Center Conservation District, Guinevere Nelson** sent an email that she has taken the place of Jim Felmlee as the Saguache County Weed Coordinator. (4/19/10)
7. **Dan Dallas** with USDA Forest Service sent a letter of announcement that the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has made the selection for the new members of the Saguache County RAC. (4/19/10)
8. **Pam Gripp** sent Randy Arredondo R&B Supervisor a letter in regard to the Saguache County Landfill incident. (4/19/10)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Steve Carlson; Allen Jones; Tim Lovato; Steve Sanchez – Town of Saguache; Jerry Burton; Shauna Ianson – BGPOA; and Kathy Geddes & Jean Wilcox – Friends of the Library.

Commissioners Reports:

Mike Spearman reported:

- April 14 – Received a call Jim Erlick from Colorado Potato Administration on the potato blight issue in Center.
- April 15. – Attended the Colorado Potato Administration Board meeting.
- April 16 – Attended the Annual meeting and dinner of the Center Conservation District.
- Received an email from Avengola Solar saying they felt they had a tax advantage to locate in Alamosa County rather than Saguache County. Spearman will contact them to find out what the advantage they perceive they would get from Alamosa County.

Sam Pace reported:

- April 14 - Signed bank forms for Saguache Seniors account at First Southwest Bank.
- April 15 – Attended South Central Seniors meeting in Alamosa, the Tri-County Seniors are having commodities problem.
- April 16 – Attended CCI Steering committee meetings in Denver.
- April 17 – Attended the Zen Center luncheon in Crestone.
- April 19 - Made more calls on Tri-county Seniors issues.

Linda Joseph:

- April 15 - Attended an Open House by ScSEED at Curt's Store & Cafe in Crestone.
- April 16 - Attended the Annual meeting and dinner of the Center Conservation District. Orient Land Trust was recognized as the Conservationist of the Year.
- Saguache County was acknowledged as the "Premier" member of the CALBOH, (Colorado Association of Local Boards of Health), and the notes on the last teleconference say - "The group yesterday recognized their initiative and think they should get some sort of recognition as the first member."

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Commissioner Joseph has requested that the May 4th meeting agenda times be changed to have the Attorney Report at 2pm. This change is to have Andrew Archuleta, USFS/BLM report at 11:15am and receive an update on the Gunnison Sage Grouse activities. If all agree Administration will change the agenda for May 4, 2010 to reflect these changes. Board agreed to these agenda changes.
- We have reviewed the Conservation Trust requested amounts for the Saguache Museum and have figured out where our discrepancies are located. In 2009 the Museum only request \$10,000 instead of \$12,000 as stated in their correspondence. Therefore we show obligated funds for the Museum in the amounts of \$1511.18 for 2008 and \$243.00 for 2009. We have not met with the Museum to go over these figures but we will before the next BOCC meeting.
- Signed the Pike National Historic Trail support letter.
- Signed the Title III funding contract with Daniel Johnson.

- Reviewed and signed the requested letter of support for Senator Udall's legislation for Senate Bill 2798 concerning Forest Infestations.
- We have reviewed the previous request for Crestone Youth Plaza, Inc. Title III/CSBG funding request. This is not a CSBG eligible expense therefore we have placed this request on the BOCC agenda for Title III funding consideration June 1, 2010 at 2:30pm.
- Attended the SLV Community Action Group and DRG meeting to discuss DRG helping run the SLV Community Action Group program. DRG has agreed.
- Presentation of Cycle #1 2010 Sales Tax Grant requests.

Pace moved to approve the publication for a public hearing for application Title III fund pending a request from the Town of Crestone for the formation of a Special Fire District in Crestone/Baca. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes and one Nay.

- Steve Sanchez reported on the Vista Grande property. GOCO will not release the funds to purchase the property until it was cleaned up. The current tenant of the property has cleaned up 90% of the debris. Town citizens and some Adams State students will clean up the rest. Then the closing date can be set. The Town has applied for funds from several sources to create an area wide Recreational Plan.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Maez will set up a time for Joyful Journey to come in for a review of their Conditional Use permit due to adjacent land owner complaints.
- Maez has received a letter from the GEO concerning "Recharge Colorado" a program that will provide rebates for mountain and rural communities in Colorado. Saguache County should receive about \$30,000 in rebates depending upon the amount of interest and how quickly residents and businesses react to the rebates. Maez will be getting in touch with Hew Hallock concerning this program and report back by the May 4th meeting. She will apply for a DUNS number for Saguache County in order to qualify for this program.

Joseph moved to approve the consolidation for Whitney Randolph on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1165 and 1167C. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Whitney Randolph to consolidate Lots 1165-1167C, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on April 14, 2010.

Spearman moved to approve the consolidation for Whitney Randolph on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1146, 1147, 1148 and 1149. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Whitney Randolph to consolidate Lots 1146-1149, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on April 14, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the consolidation for Bruce Leutwyler on Baca Grande Chalets Unit I, Lots 1173 and 1174. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Bruce Leutwyler to consolidate Lots 1173 and 1174, Baca Grande Chalet Unit One. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on April 14, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the consolidation for Allen R. Newman on Baca Grande Grants Unit I, Lots 116, 117 and 118. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Allan R. Newman to consolidate Lots 116-118, Baca Grande Grants Unit One. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on April 14, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the consolidation for Frank W. Berliner and Nancy E. Kenney on Baca Grande Chalets Unit II, Lots 3522, 3523, 3524 and 3532. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Lot Consolidation request for Frank W. Berliner and Nancy E. Kenney to consolidation Lots 3522-3524 and Lot 3532 Baca Grande Chalet Unit Two. CBPC recommended unanimous approval of this request at their regular meeting on April 14, 2010.
- Lot Consolidation/Replat for Haidakhandi Universal Ashram and Dharma Shanga was deferred.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney

- Followed up with the review of the Resolution for the Library District adding language to tie the District being created to approval of the funding.
- Town of Crestone is still interested in the IGA with Road & Bridge, but proposing further changes. The BOCC supports the IGA, with the terms as previously written.
- Waiting for a response from Attorney Matt Hobbs from the Town of Moffat to discuss the IGA concerning the town's sewage system issues.
- Some bills are going forward on Medical Marijuana in the State Legislature.

Mike Norris

- Investigating having the roof of the jail resurfaced to prevent leaking.

Joseph moved to adopt the Resolution to establish fees for producing records and services for the Saguache Sheriff's office. Spearman seconded the motion, The vote was three Ayes.

- Presented a new fee schedule last November and would like it adopted.

Adjourned for Lunch and at 11:50 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Landfill Report

- Daniel Johnson sent a letter to R&B on County Road 47V, which he wants work done on. The road is an unimproved county road. Arredondo will investigate and report back.
- Someone in Sargents took down a road sign, because he felt he owned the road. Arredondo researched and found that the road was signed over as a public road years ago. He has contacted the gentleman to have the sign put back up.
- Asphalt prices have changed slightly, approximately \$44/per ton shipped from Denver.
- The culvert on County Road G may be collapsing, when the spring runoff water goes down, it can be replaced.

Landfill issues -

- A letter was received from Pam Gripp concerning the early closure of the Landfill on April 10th.
- The Landfill hours will be changing to 8 am-3pm, which will allow the Landfill employees enough time to cover the trash in the pit at the end of each day.
- Arredondo presented several options for the replacement of the Landfill trash compactor. The Board requested Arredondo to research the approximate cost to repair the current trash compactor before the decision is made to purchase a new compactor.

Pace moved to adjourn the regular session and convene as the Board of Social Services. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Jeannie Norris, Director Board of Social Services

- There were 26 TANF cases during the month of March, compared with 10 cases in March, 2009. There are currently 503 food assistance cases, which is an increase of 103 cases since last March. The year 2009 began with 368 cases. There were 24 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and 98 old-age-pension cases.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit had ten child protection referrals, seven of whom were accepted for investigation. The Unit has ten dependency and neglect cases, fourteen children in out of home placement and five children placed with relatives. There currently are 182 children in open cases. Adult protection has seven cases and one new referral.
- LEAP has served 616 households with \$419,000.92 having been expended. There are seven cases pending at this time.

- The IV-D Unit reports monthly collections for March of \$48,092.18. Year-to-date collections of \$127,301.78 compared with \$121,567.71 represent a five percent increase. Unemployment compensation intercepts and IRS intercepts are primarily responsible for the increase.
- Results from the TANF field audit of eighteen counties have been released. A number of program expenditures were disallowed, and questions which followed point to conflicting information between program staff and audit staff at the State level. Training is scheduled for directors in the next two months concerning allocations and closeouts, contracts, and child welfare funding options.
- The monthly Policy Action Committee meeting in Denver held an even longer than usual agenda. Issues included IT systems and support which will now be under the auspices of the Governor's office. A representative was present to explain which division will address county department needs, and how support services would work. Colorado Works (TANF) allocation and rules rewrite will now begin as scheduled every five years. The Works allocation committee had submitted recommendations to Karen Beye, and those recommendations were rejected. Another submittal is scheduled for late April or early May, and rural and medium counties are closely monitoring these discussions. Reconfiguration of services to clients who are developmentally disabled is a huge issue currently being addressed by this committee. A work group consisting of all the stakeholders gave a report of their findings to the PAC. These clients have traditionally been served in the Child Welfare program, but do not necessarily fit, and have no other option. The PAC will be making recommendation of how these clients may continue to be supported beyond age 18 rather than being emancipate, and served without an open dependency and neglect case, which may not be appropriate but at this time is the only way to access services.
- The ITA has issued an RFP, and set May 13 as the date for closing applications. May 20 is set as the date to make a selection of provider, and submission to Costilla County. July will be the targeted time to begin services. We are at this time working toward what would be the best routes and schedules to serve Saguache County. We could run a total of three round trips each day between Alamosa and Saguache, with varying routes. Now is the time for input and requests in order that the ITA can address the maximum need.
- Bids have been received for the proposed window upgrades at the DSS building. The new security upgrades are almost complete.

Spearman moved to accept the bid from Les' Glass. Pace seconded the motion. Spearman withdrew his motion. The Board will review the bids, and check in on the status of the Energy Performance Contract, and make a decision in a later meeting.

- Commodities will be distributed during the first week of May. Due to the ever-increasing case load in the IV-A Unit, we have reassigned responsibility for distribution. Three of our staff have volunteered to take the program over, and MaryAnn Martinez will be the lead, assisted by Pam Jones and Jan Garduno.

Clerk and Recorder –

Joseph moved to approve both liquor license renewals for Tomichi Creek Liquors. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Tomichi Creek Liquor - 2 License renewals with no complaints filed.

Penny Bruce - Saguache County Library Administrator

- In addition to our weekly story hour program for the Saguache Headstart and Little Learners' Day care, the Library plans to present an abbreviated (half hour) program to the preschool class at Mountain Valley on a monthly basis, to coincide with their "field trips" to the park. We hoped to begin on the first Wednesday of April, but the winter wind was blowing again and we had to postpone. Linda Vigil, director of Little Learners, has invited Bruce to serve on the Board of directors for a children's advocacy committee that's being revived, and our first meeting will be later today.
- The Library will be hosting another Seed Give-away Day on April 30. The first of these events, organized by Leigh Mills, the director of the Saguache Community Garden, was a big success and more than 200 seed packets were handed out in 4 hours. We also continue to collaborate with Leigh in planning for this year's Summer Reading Program for kids and for expanding and improving the landscaping at the Library.
- Our Fourth Friday Open House was pre-empted in March, so as not to conflict with the Community Theater's production of "Women at the Well", which opened that night. For April, which is National Poetry Month, we're planning another night of readings by local poets and hosted by Don Geddes.
- The income tax forms finally arrived at the Library and have been much in demand, as is our free tax advice service, provided by volunteer Glenn Alexander every Wednesday afternoon through the month of April.
- Our free computer classes, funded by a LSTA grant and held every other Tuesday and Thursday, continue to be well-attended and the laptop computers that were provided with the grant are being used as back up public computers more and more. Our Wi-Fi connection is also much appreciated by travelers who stop in and those in the community that need an Internet connection when the library isn't even open.
- The Library was pleased to add some of our "razzle-dazzle" pop-up books to the April Foolish display that will brighten the Seniors' Lunch Room in the Community Building all this month. For almost a year now, participants in the discounted lunch program have organized monthly displays that feature works by a local artist or collections with varying themes.
- Two grant proposals have been submitted to the Wal-Mart Helping Neighbors Foundation, which granted the Library \$1,000 (the maximum amount) two years ago. One application was for the Library and a second was submitted on behalf of the Friends.
- The Friends of the Library continue to hold fund-raising events (like the recent Easter bake sale), run their used book store, and collect dues, all with the goal of building up enough money to finance the campaign to form a library district. Needless to say, the money trickles in very slowly and then goes out in big chunks, with no way to anticipate what expenses are looming ahead.

LIBRARY DISTRICT

- The verification process for the signatures on the petitions to form a district was completed last month and the issue will now be included on the November ballot. Hopefully all of the Commissioners have received advance notification in a packet from the Friends' lawyer at Seter, Vander and Wall, and are reconsidering whether they want to pass the resolution, as a show of support, and are ready to schedule the required public hearing that is the next step in the process.

Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 3:30 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Pace moved to return to regular session at 3:45 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 3:45 P.M. Pace seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Saguache County Housing

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 3:47 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Saguache County Logo presentation

Spearman moved to choose the County Seal design by Mark Talbot of Crestone with some minor modifications. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Centennial Committee presented the three logo finalists to the Board. The Board chose design number 2 by Mark Talbot.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 4:08 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved May 4, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner